

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Claims 16, 17, 27, 29 and 38-41 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 16, 17, 27 and 29 have been indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These claims have been rewritten accordingly.

Claims 39, 40 and 41 are new claims that include analogous limitations to the allowed claim 16 in the form of an apparatus "means for" claim, apparatus with readable medium claim, and data signal claim, respectively. As such, these new claims should be allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-279-5098.

Respectfully submitted,

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